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1. **(Amended)** A solid preparation for dialysis comprising a mixture of (1) particles of a first composition comprising core particles comprising particles of sodium chloride, and a coating layer covering the core particles and containing one or more electrolytes selected from the group consisting of calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, potassium chloride and sodium acetate, (2) particles of a second composition comprising core particles comprising particles of a sugar, the core particles being covered with a coating layer comprising said sugar or a different sugar, and (3) an acid.

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8. **(Amended)** A solid preparation for dialysis prepared by a process comprising the following steps (1) to (3):

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(1) a step of spraying an aqueous solution containing one or more electrolytes selected from the group consisting of calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, potassium chloride and sodium acetate onto core particles comprising particles of sodium chloride to obtain first coated particles, and drying the first coated particles to obtain a first composition;

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(2) a step of spraying, onto core particles comprising particles of a sugar, an aqueous solution into which said sugar or a different sugar is dissolved to obtain second coated particles, and drying the second coated particles to obtain a second composition; and

(3) a step of mixing the first composition obtained in step (1) and the second composition obtained in step (2), and mixing the resultant mixture with an acid to obtain a solid preparation for dialysis.

9. **(Amended)** A solid preparation for dialysis prepared by a process comprising the following steps (1) to (3):

(1) a step of spraying an aqueous solution containing one or more electrolytes selected from the group consisting of calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, potassium chloride and sodium acetate onto core particles comprising particles of sodium chloride to obtain first coated particles, and drying the particles to obtain a first composition;

(2) a step of spraying, onto core particles comprising particles of a sugar, an aqueous solution of said sugar or a different sugar to

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obtain second coated particles, and drying the second coated particles to obtain a second composition; and

(3) a step of mixing an acid with the first composition obtained in step (1), and subsequently mixing the resultant mixture with the second composition obtained in step (2) to obtain a solid preparation for dialysis.

Please cancel claims 2, 3 and 5.

Please add the following new claims to the application:

10. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particles of sodium chloride have a particle diameter of about 75 to 1,700 μm and the sodium chloride is in a crystalline state.

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11. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core particles of the first composition comprise up to 15% by weight of particles of an electrolyte

selected from the group consisting of magnesium chloride, calcium chloride, potassium chloride, and sodium acetate.

12. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coating layer of the core particles of the first composition contains up to 50% by weight of sodium chloride.

13. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 8, wherein the calcium chloride is calcium chloride dihydrate, calcium chloride monohydrate or calcium chloride anhydride.

14. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 9, wherein the calcium chloride is calcium chloride dihydrate, calcium chloride monohydrate or calcium chloride anhydride.

15. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 8, wherein the magnesium chloride is magnesium chloride hexahydrate.

16. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 9, wherein the magnesium chloride is magnesium chloride hexahydrate.

17. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 8, wherein the sodium acetate is sodium acetate anhydride or sodium acetate trihydrate.

18. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 9, wherein the sodium acetate is sodium acetate anhydride or sodium acetate trihydrate.

19. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 8, wherein the concentration of said one or more electrolytes in the aqueous solution used in step (1) is 15 to 50% by weight.

20. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 9, wherein the concentration of said one or more

electrolytes in the aqueous solution used in step (1) is 15 to 50% by weight.

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21. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 8, wherein the concentration of said sugar in the aqueous solution used in step (2) is 1 to 60% by weight.

22. **(New)** The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 9, wherein the concentration of said sugar in the aqueous solution used in step (2) is 1 to 60% by weight.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3.

Claims 2, 3 and 5 have been canceled.

Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to recite a solid preparation for dialysis prepared by a process comprising the steps recited in claims 8 and 9.

New claims 10-22 have been added to the application. Claim 10 is supported in the specification on page 8, lines 6-10. Claim 11